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REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present amendment, claims 1-38 and 41-44 were pending in the present application. Claims 17, 19, 40-42 and 44 are canceled above. Claims 1, 11, 18, 20 and 21 are amended above. New claims 45 - 47 are added above. No new matter is added by the amendments or new claims. Entry is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary does not indicate whether the drawings filed in the application are acceptable. Confirmation of their acceptability is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Office Action indicates at page 6, paragraphs 3 and 4, that claim 43 is allowed and that claims 10, 19, 32, 38 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 is amended above to incorporate the limitations of former claim 19 and intervening claim 17. Claim 20 is amended above to incorporate the limitations of former claim 40. Entry of amendments and allowance of claims 1 and 20, and claims dependent thereon are respectfully requested. New claim 45 incorporates the limitations of former claims 1 and 10. New claim 46 incorporates the limitations of former claims 20 and 38. Entry of the amendments and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Morad (U.S. Patent Number 6,490,749). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad in view of Siemund, *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 4,077,083). Claims 12, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad in view of Hulterstrum (U.S. Patent Number 3,433,510). Claims 18, 20-26, 28-31, 33-37, 41, 42 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad in view of Hulterstrum and further in view of Wand (U.S. Patent Number 4,926,522). Claim 27 stands rejected under 35

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U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morad in view of Hulterstrum and Wang and further in view of Siemund, *et al.* These rejections are no longer believed to be applicable in view of the amendments made to independent claims 1 and 20 above. Reconsideration and removal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

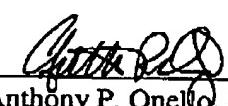
New claim 47, added above, is directed to a mounting system that includes an adjustable-length pole including a compression mechanism to allow for compression of the pole along a longitudinal axis thereof, an elongated body having a longitudinal axis, and a curtain interface on an upper surface of the body. A coupler couples the pole to the body so that the longitudinal axis of the pole is transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body. It is submitted that none of the cited references, whether alone or in combination, teaches the invention as claimed in claim 47. Entry and allowance of claim 47 are respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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